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NATURAL SOUND: 00:03

WATER RUSHING

SB:00:59

COLONEL JAMES DAWKINS

5TH BOMB WING COMMANDER

SOMEONE CAME UP TO ME AND SAID HEY SIR THE TOWN OF MINOT IS EVACUATING IT'S ABOUT TO FLOOD, AND I WAS LIKE WHAT A WAY TO START YOUR FRIST DAY ON THE JOB. I WAS ALSO ABLE WITHIN A DAY OR TWO TO FLY OVER THE FLOODED AREA AND LOOK AT THE DEVASTATION, AND YOU WALKED OFF THE HELICOPTER AND WAS LIKE WOW THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE. WHAT A FIRST MONTH, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT I GOT OUTTA ALL OF THIS IS I GOT TO SEE MY TEAM IN ACTION THEY DIDN'T SKIP A BEAT, THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEEDED TO DO. THE TEAM GELLED TO TOGETHER AND I GOT TO SEE THEM ALL IN CRYISIS MODE WHICH WAS GOOD AND WE DID FORM A VERY GOOD TEAM. WE DID CURTAIL SOME OF OUR FLYING THE 91ST MISSILE WING OF COURSE HAD TO STAY ON ALERT.

SB: 00:14

COLONEL JAY CARROL

91ST SECURITY FORCES COMMANDER

THE ALERT MISSION THE MISSILE WING HAS NEVER WENT AWAY DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME. AND WE DID THAT FLAWLESSLY AND IT WAS ON THE BACKS OF A BUNCH OF GREAT AMERICANS, THE AIRMEN THAT WE HAVE.

SB:00:18

COLONEL JAMES DAWKINS

5TH BOMB WING COMMANDER

THE IMPACTS THAT IT HAD ON OUR PEOPLE THAT LIVE DOWNTOWN WAS DEFINITELY A BIG IMPACT. ILL TELL YOU WHAT ABOUT THIS FLOOD THIS AREA, WAS THAT OUT OF 12000 PEOPLE IN THE TOWN OF MINOT THERE WAS ONLY ABOUT 400 PEOPLE IN SHELTERS. BUT WHAT THAT SPEAKS TO IS HOW PEOPLE TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER, THEY DIDN'T SKIP A BEAT, THEY WERE READY TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBOR AND HELP EACH OTHER OUT.

SB: 00:10

COLONEL JAY CARROL

COMMANDER 91ST SECURITY FORCES

WHEN WE LEARNED ABOUT THE TOWN OF MINOT AND THE POTENTIAL FLOODING, AND HOW IT WOULD AFFECT MILITARY FAMILIES, ONE OF MY FIRST CONCERNS WAS HOW DO WE TAKE CARE OF OUR DEPLOYED FAMILIES.

SB: 00:19

STAFF SERGEANT ASHLEY WOODS

MINOT RESIDENT

I THINK I WAS BETWEEN MY FOURTH MONTH WHEN MY HUSBAND ORIGINALLY TOLD ME IT WAS SUPPOSED TO FLOOD. I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER GO THROUGH SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN. YOU KNOW IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT, YOU GOTTA STAY POSITIVE, IF YOU WANT TO GET BACK IN YOUR HOME THAT BAD THEN YOUR GOING TO WANT TO GET BACK IN YOUR HOME AND YOU'RE GOING TO STICK WITH IT. WE GOT THROUGH IT EVERYTHINGS DONE.

SB: 00:03

COLONEL JAY CARROL

91ST MISSILE WING SECURITY FORCES COMMANDER

IT'S AMAZING TO SEE HOW WELL FOLKS HAVE RECOVERED FROM THIS.

SB: 00:18

TECHNICAL SERGEANT NATASHA HORN

MINOT RESIDENT

BEING BACK IN THE HOUSE MY SON ASKED ME ONE DAY, MOMMY ARE WE LIVING HERE AGAIN? AND I SAID YEAH WE ARE AND THEY STOMPED THROUGH THE HOUSE FOR A GOOD TWO HOURS GOING WE'RE LIVING IN THE BIG HOUSE. YOU KNOW GOING FROM LITTLE BITTY FEMA TRAILER BACK INTO THE BIG HOUSE IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE. YEAH WE'VE GOT SOME TRIM LEFT TO DO, WOODSTAINING AND WHAT NOT. OUR BASEMENT IS STILL NOT DONE.

SB: 00:15

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ROBERT HORN

MINOT RESIDENT

ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS THAT I BECAME OUR GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR THIS IS BECAUSE WE JUST COULDN'T AFFORD IT, AND I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT I'M DOING THAT I CAN AT LEAST FAKE IT. IT'S ESSENTIALLY A NEW HOUSE. THE ONLY THINGS THAT'S STILL THE SAME SINCE 1963 WHEN THEY ORIGINIALLY BUILT IT ARE THE EXTERNAL WALLS AND THE SUPPORT WALL

SB: 00:15

COLONEL JAY CARROL

91ST MISSILE WING SECURITY FORCES COMMANDER

THE FINANCIAL LONG TERM IMPACTS OF FOLKS WHO MAY HAVE DECIDED TO DECLARE BANKRUPTCY OR TO WALK AWAY FROM A PIECE OF PROPERTY THEY COULDN'T AFFORD TO KEEP, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THOSE AIRMEN AS WELL, AND GIVE THEM ALL THE RESOURCES WE CAN TO ENSURE THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN RECOVERING FROM THIS

SB: 00:20

A1C MITCHELL J. LIBNER

MINOT RESIDENT

WE HAVE EQUAL UP TO 80,000 DOLLARS AND WE HAVE STILL NOT EVEN THE FIRST FLOOR DONE. WE HAVE NO MONEY LEFT IN THE BANK WE HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO COMPLETE OUR HOUSE. I'VE EXHAUSTED EVERYTHING THAT WE POSSIBLY COULD AND WE'RE STILL NOT THERE. OUR ELECTRICAL IS STILL MESSED UP, SOME OF MY PLUMBING IS STILL MESSED UP, LETS SEE I JUST GOT MY GAS LINES PUT IN BUT MY A/C STILL NEEDS ELECTRICITY RAN TO IT. OUR YARD NEEDS TO STILL BE PICKED UP SEVERELY BAD.

SB: 00:19

COLONEL JAY CARROL

COMMANDER 91ST MISSILE WING SECURITY FORCES

AS IMPORTANT AS OUR EVERYDAY MISSION IS FOR DETERRENCE FOR THE MISSION, WE STILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THAT IMPORTANT MISSION WHICH IS TAKING CARE OF OUR PEOPLE. IF THEY REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE CHALLENGE OR OBSTACLE IS IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS. IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT THE TOWN AND THE BASE HAVE REALLY DONE AN AMAZING JOB OF RECOVERING FROM THE FLOOD

SB: 00:06

COLONEL JAMES DAWKINS

COMMANDER 5TH BOMB WING

THERE WAS ALREADY A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE BASE BEFORE THE FLOOD AND IT JUST MADE THOSE BONDS EVEN STRONGER.

SB: 00:5

STAFF SERGEANT ASHLEY WOODS

MINOT RESIDENT

PEOPLE AT OUR CHURCH, PEOPLE AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WE'VE BEEN ALL HELPING EACH OTHER.

SB: 00: 15

COLONEL JAMES DAWKINS

COMMANDER 5TH BOMB WING

WE WILL DEFINITELY FEEL THE AFFECTS FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT TWO YEARS. MY GUT TELLS ME THIS IS ANOTHER THREE YEAR RECOVERY PROCESS BEFORE WE'RE BACK TO NORMAL. AND ITS JUST VERY REWARDING TO WATCH JUST HOW WELL OUR AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES, HOW WELL THEY ALL PULLED TOGETHER AND NOT ONLY KEPT THE MSISION GOING BUT TOOK CARE OF EACH OTHER AND THAT'S WHAT BEING A WINGMAN'S ABOUT. AND THAT'S RESILIENCY.